PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the families of Trinity Children's Center and the community of Burlington will be sending Maureen Danielczyk off into the world of retirement with well wishes and love this February 2015; and

WHEREAS, as a pivotal member of the early education community for 40 years, Maureen has touched thousands of lives with her fierce advocacy for the families and children of this community; and

WHEREAS, Maureen, the origin of so many collaborations and initiatives, demonstrated authentic passion and persistence and an unwavering philosophy of inclusion and quality; and

WHEREAS, Maureen began her career in early education 40 years ago when she teamed with the Sisters of Mercy to create a quality childcare setting for Trinity College; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Trinity Children's Center has morphed into a non-profit entity and has since become a NAEYC accredited, 5 STAR, fully inclusive, therapeutic, and culturally diverse center dedicated to strengthening families; and

WHEREAS, Maureen helped to create the very first full day, full-time Head Start collaborative, as well as the first mental health collaborative for early education; and

WHEREAS, Maureen has lent a helping hand to create various preschool programs throughout the state and was always the first to sign up for advocacy events; and

WHEREAS, Maureen is the recipient of countless certificates of appreciation and recognition, as well as Lifetime Achievement and Leadership awards; and

WHEREAS, throughout these 40 years, her dedication and passion have ensured that the over 3,000 children and their families who have passed through the Trinity Children's Center doors are loved, nurtured, and well cared for; and

WHEREAS, she has inspired and supported hundreds of early childhood educators and students as both a leader and a mentor – paving the way for future passions to shine; and

WHEREAS, Maureen strove to help each and every family afford the quality, early education that their child deserves and, as a result, created the Elizabeth B. Candon Scholarship;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, Vermont, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 13, 2015 to be

MAUREEN DANIELCZYK AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DAY

in the City of Burlington AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that I commend and thank Maureen for her outstanding service to the City of Burlington.

Miro Weinberger Mayor